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FOR LAINGEN AND LEADER FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE LEADER'S HELP LAST NIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH TELEPHONE CALL TO BALTIMORE WHICH I EVENTUALLY WAS ABLE TO GET THROUGH AT 6 AM COLOMBO TIME THIS MORNING. ON BASIS THIS CONVERSATION, IT HAS BEEN AGREED BEST TIME FOR ME TO COME BACK ON EMERGENCY VISITATION TRAVEL WOULD BE SECOND WEEK IN MAY.

2. THIS TIMETABLE WOULD ALSO GIVE ME OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON OUTSTANDING POLICY QUESTIONS, SUCH AS AID, MOV NEGOTIATIONS, AND ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE RATE. I WOULD PLAN DEPART COLOMBO ON OR ABOUT MAY 7 (REQUESTING GSL TO TRY TO SCHEDULE NEXT MOV MEETING BEFORE I LEAVE) AND ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON IN TIME TO MEET WITH MACDONALD MAY 10 BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR PARIS AID GROUP MEETING. I WOULD PLAN SPEND WEEKEND AND FOLLOWING WEEK IN BALTIMORE BUT BE AVAILABLE TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ONE OR TWO DAYS TO DISCUSS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS. WITH EXCEPTION MACDONALD,

AND POSSIBLE MEETING WITH HENNESSY OF TREASURY, I WOULD PLAN LIMIT MY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TO NEA (TWO OF YOU, ATHERTON, SOBER, SAVIS, ETC.). I DO NOT WANT TO UNDERTAKE ANY SOCIAL OR RELATED OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.

- 3. CHARGE BYRNE WOULD TAKE MOV MEETING WEEK OF MAY 13 AND I WOULD RETURN TO COLOMBO WEEKEND MAY 18-19 IN TIME FOR NEXT MOV MEETING AND REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS MAY 22.
- 4. PLEASE LET ME KNOW, IF POSSIBLE BY TOMORROW, WHETHER PROPOSED TIMETABLE IS CONVENIENT TO NEA (AND AID). IF IT IS CONVENIENT, PLEASE ALSO PASS WORD TO MY SISTER IN BALTIMORE AND ASK HER, IN TURN, TO INFORM MY SISTER IN LINCVOLN, MASSACHUSETTS.
- 5. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON. MEAN-WHILE, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP IN CONNECTION WITH MY MOTHERS ILLNESS.

 VAN HOLLEN

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